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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE: Series Change

Beginning with the April 1975 release, all total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates for the State and all areas have been revised - including seasonally adjusted series - and are not comparable with data published earlier. The Montana State Employment Security Agency, like all State Employment Security Agencies, is revising its total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates to reflect new data on persons entering and re-entering the labor force. The old series was based on relationships that existed in the early 1960's. Over the intervening decade these relationships have shifted as a result of institutional changes such as the earlier openings of schools in the fall and earlier closing in the spring, and demographic changes such as increased labor force participation of women. Historical series for State and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas - both raw and seasonally adjusted - back through 1970 are available upon request.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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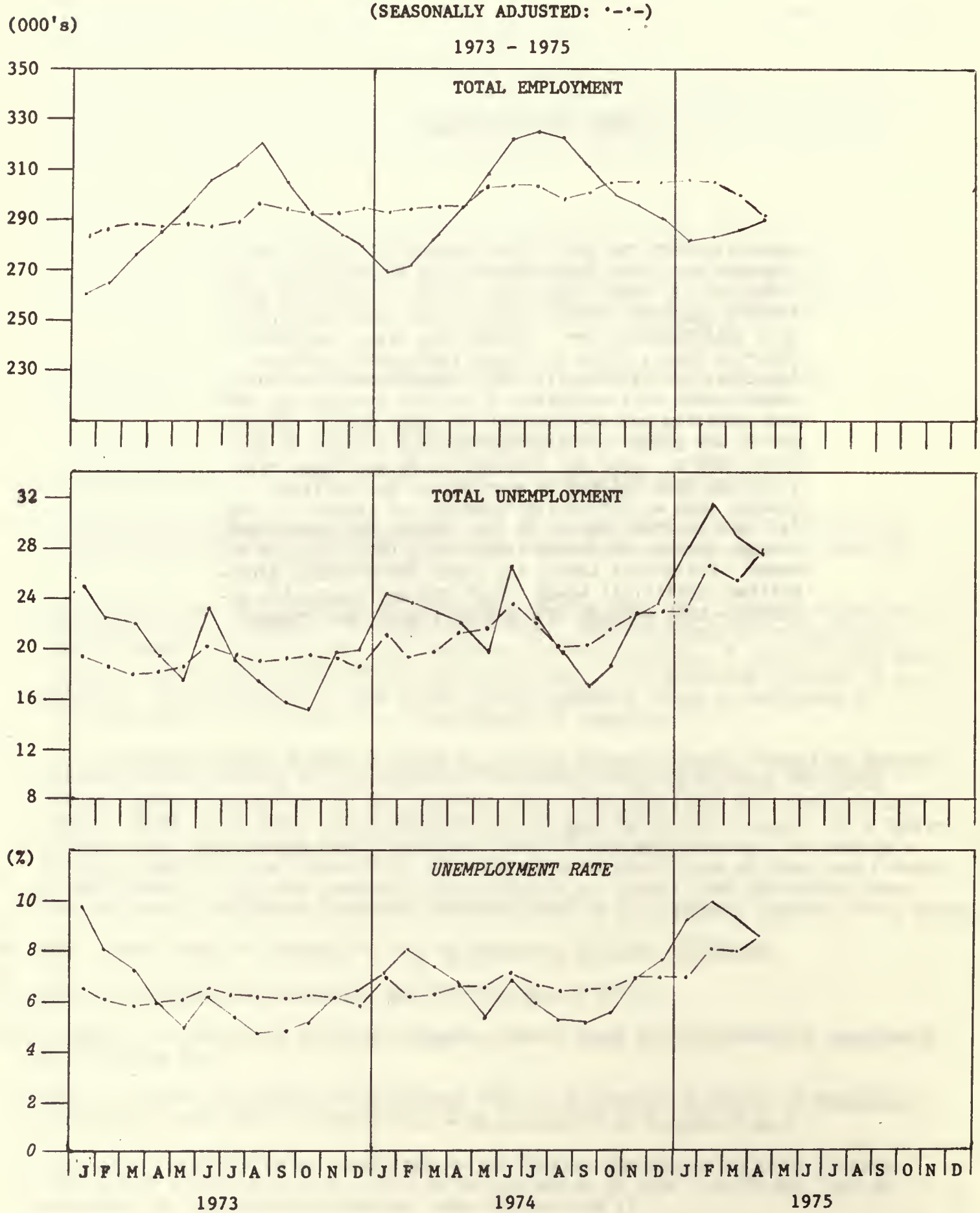


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

MAY 1975

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's civilian labor force for April was 317,200 an increase of 1,800 over the previous month and 800 more than last year for the same month. The April unemployment rate was 8.7%, down from the 9.2% rate in March and up from the 6.8% rate in April 1974. Total employment for the State was 289,500, compared with 286,400 last month and 295,000 one year ago. Total unemployed decreased 1,300 from 29,000 in March to April's 27,700, but increased 6,300 over last April's 21,400.

Nonagricultural wage and salary total employment (establishment data) was 234.9 thousand compared with 232.4 thousand last month and 230.1 thousand in April last year. Manufacturing employment has increased 200 over last month and a decrease of 1,000 over last year. Lumber and wood products continue to be the main reason for manufacturing's decreasing over last year, aided by the decrease in food and kindred products.

Nonmanufacturing employment was 212,500 in April, an increase of 2,300 over the 210,200 employed in March and a 5,800 increase over the 206,700 employed last April. Industries showing increases over last year were; mining up 300; wholesale and retail trade up 2,600; finance, insurance, and real estate up 400; service up 1,900; and government up 4,900. Industries showing decreases were; contract construction down 3,900 and transportation and public utilities down 400. All other nonagricultural employment (self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households) for April was 29,900 up 100 over the 29,800 last month and also last year. Persons involved in labor-management disputes decreased from 200 last month to 100 for April.

Agricultural employment increased 600 from the 26,200 in March to 26,800 in April, but decreased 7,200 from last April's 34,000. Inclement weather conditions this spring has been the reason for employment being below normal. Mid-May has seen 55% of the spring wheat, 45% of the barley, 40% of the oats, 75% of the sugarbeets, 30% of the corn and potatoes, and 20% of the dry beans planted. Normal seeding progress for this date is 75% for spring wheat and barley, 65% for oats, 40% for corn and potatoes, and 80% for sugarbeets.

Montana bank debits for March increased 25% over March one year ago and are up 27% since the first of the year over the same period one year ago. Communities showing increases over a year ago include Great Falls, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Laurel, Worden, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Livingston, and Missoula.

The February production of crude oil in the state from the oil and gas areas averaged 90,992 barrels daily, an increase of 1,714 barrels from the average 89,278 production in January. Refineries in the state processed 128,918 barrels of crude oil daily for the month of February,a decrease of 8,797 barrels from the previous month. In February 55 wells were completed and 31 permits were issued to drill new wells, a decrease of 12 from the 43 permits issued during January.

There were 233 new business firms in Montana in April, bringing this year's total to 850. A year ago there were 262 new businesses in April and 740 for the first four months. The Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area had 35 new businesses as compared to the 21 new businesses recorded in the Great Falls Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Missoula Labor Market Area had 40 new business firms, the highest number, in April. New businesses in other Labor Market Areas of the state were Anaconda-Butte LMA 22, Bozeman LMA 24, Glasgow LMA 11, Glendive LMA 14, Hardin-Red Lodge LMA 9, Havre LMA 6, Helena LMA 9, Kalispell LMA 24, Lewistown LMA 2, Miles City LMA 8, and Shelby LMA 8.

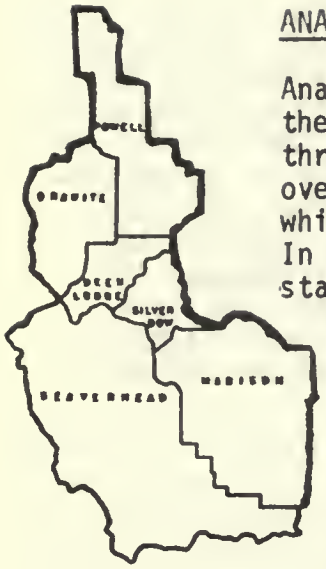
The labor turnover rates recorded in March in the manufacturing industry were up in accession rates and down in separation rates over February, while the mining industry recorded an increase in accession rates and separation rates from last month.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

Great Falls bank debits for March were up 2% over a year ago and were up 16% for the 12-month period. Planning was announced this month for a commercial development that would include a new 26,000 foot grocery store, 30,000 feet for several small shops, and a motel. This will be a 5 to 10 year development project. Also in Great Falls a retail complex is to open in August that will be housed in the former Valu-Mart shopping center. Interior remodeling for this totaled $250,000. Cascade County will receive $798,500 in federal revenue sharing grants in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975. In the city of Cascade a new manufacturing plant will make concrete tile roofing shingles and fabricate and distribute a wide range of aluminum and steel building products for homes. The main agricultural activities during the month were fencing, feeding, finishing of calving and preparation for summer work.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

Bank debits for Billings decreased 6% from March of last year but show a 20% increase during the 12-month total over last year. A mid-May date is expected for completion of the new post office. Construction is continuing on the multi-use building in Billings. A contract of nearly $99,000 for a new savings and loan institution has been awarded and it is presently under construction with completion expected by late summer. Two companies will headquarter in Billings for a joint venture in uranium exploration. Favorable weather conditions have resulted in substantial call-backs of workers in highway and building construction, and to a lesser degree in related industries. Work has also resumed on the water and sewer treatment facilities, city street construction, a shopping center, and various commercial and warehouse buildings. Improved weather conditions have spawned agricultural activities, and normal field preparation is underway.



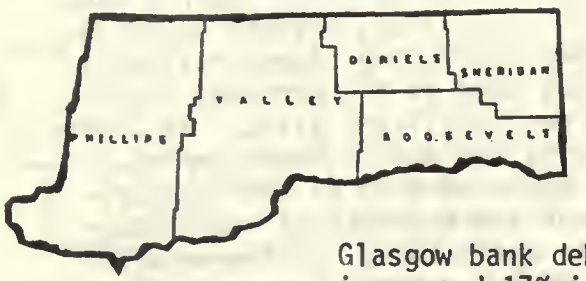
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

Anaconda's bank debits for the twelve month period through March were up 28% over the previous year while Butte's were up 26%. In Anaconda work is to be started shortly on a new four story downtown office complex and a new hardware store is under construction. In Butte construction projects within the city are continuing at a steady pace while highway construction work near the city has been held up because of weather conditions. At Deer Lodge a local lumber mill started a second shift on April 28. Work on a new law enforcement building is progressing on schedule with completion set for the end of the year. Spring breakup hindered logging operations this month causing the number of unemployed in Dillon to remain high. The main agricultural activities in the labor market area are calving, lambing, and general farm preparation.

BOZEMAN LMA

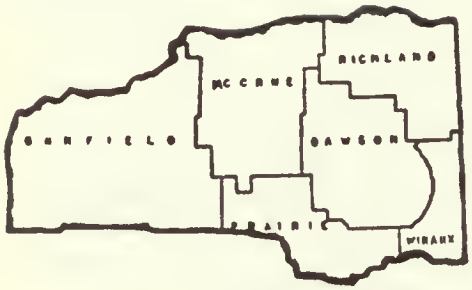
Construction continues to be steady in the Bozeman area with the building of private homes being the main activity. A $310,000 permit was issued for a liturgical center. Retail trade and service industries had increased hiring demands during the month for restaurant and sales clerks. Bozeman bank debits for March were up 8% over last year while at Livingston they were up 5% for the same period. A Livingston lumber mill has called back to work twenty-five men and plans call for recalling more men to work after the work on the portion of the mill that was destroyed by fire in February is completed. In agriculture, the main activities continue to be feeding and machinery maintenance. At Bozeman there is an excessive labor supply in the area while at Livingston supply is meeting demand.

GLASGOW LMA



Glasgow bank debits increased 17% in March over one year ago and are up 6% for the first three months of 1975. It was announced that the state is considering construction of a coal gasification plant near Glasgow which would cost about $500 million and if authorized would not be built until mid-1980. All phases of construction were able to begin work during the month resulting in labor recalls. Local contractors have received bids on a project in the area for an administration building and several other buildings. General economic conditions were favorable during the month and net gains were experienced by a majority of retail and wholesale establishments. Cattle sales in the area have been excellent and increased prices have stimulated local markets tremendously.

GLENDIVE LMA

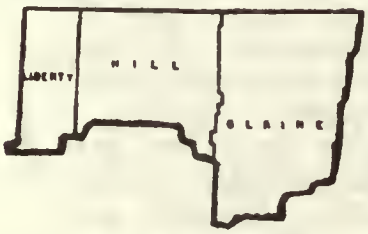


Weather conditions improved during the month allowing construction activities to pick up. Work on a nursing home and the Fallon bridge are continuing, and construction was finished on a new motel east of Glendive. The retail and service trade in the area picked up during the month, and some stores and cafe's were looking for additional help for the summer months. Oilfield activity remained slow in the area with no new drilling sites at this time. Discussions continued between possible developers and McCone County residents on the building of the proposed coal-natural gas fertilizer plant. At Sidney bank debits for the 12-month period through March were up 5% over the previous year and business is reportedly good. In agriculture, spring work and seeding of sugar beets began in the Sidney area while at Glendive weather conditions cut back all field activity.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA

Contractors in Big Horn County are anticipating an active spring this year. Most building activity will center around residential dwellings and there will be some extension of roads and water systems. Homebuilding in 1974 was 50% above 1973. Presently, there is speculation on a proposed $900 million liquefaction plant and mine operation in Carbon County. Coal mining continues to be a major topic in the Hardin-Red Lodge Labor Market Area. Agricultural activities in this area have seen 30% of the spring wheat seeded and 40% of barley seeded. Weather conditions have curtailed previous months' activities, but will resume as the weather turns better.

HAVRE LMA

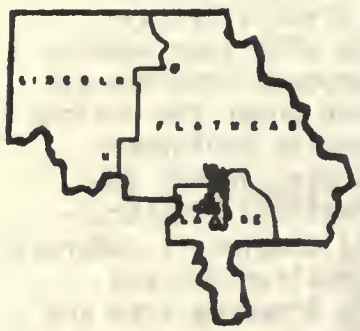


Most Havre construction projects were progressing well with some outside work being hampered by wet weather throughout the month. Bank debits in Havre were up 9% in March over a year ago and are up 17% over the 12-month period. Wholesale and retail trades and the service industries are reporting a good season, while most exploration drilling was halted due to wet ground. In Chinook, work was begun on a $300,000 swimming pool, and a federal grant was approved for development of a new water treatment plant. Liberty County has produced a new manufacturing business which will be located in Chester and will deal in sweep shovels. The main agricultural activities are machinery repair and some limited amount of calving and lambing continues.

HELENA LMA

Outside construction began to pick up during the month as weather conditions improved. Ground was broken for a new multi-million dollar library, and plans are in the making for a new Federal building that will cost between $4 and $5 million and house 360 persons. Bids will be taken in June on a proposed construction of a 3-story, $1.75 million building complex for the State of Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Thirty new residential buildings were started this month and it is expected that the house building trades will be quite active this summer. Helena retail and service activities also increased in May, and more job openings occurred in the area. In Broadwater County work started on a new addition to the county Sheriff's office which will include a conference room office space and a detention area for women.

KALISPELL LMA

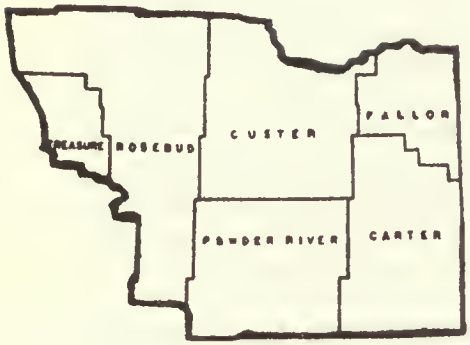


There were 17 building permits issued during April in Kalispell with a valuation of $295,000, the largest of which will be a new auto bank. Bank debits increased 3% in the city over the 12-month period ending in March. A $2.1 million contract for a new bridge in Flathead County was signed. The lumber industry in the Labor Market Area reports improvement in employment with some hiring taking place. In May, the Libby Dam project employment is steadily increasing and it is reported 299 people are working. In Lake County a call-back of laid off workers by a local mill helped brighten the job picture. Despite some problem weather a fair job upturn in construction was noted, and the early seasonal demand for food industry workers is now starting. In agriculture, potato sorting and shipping was nearing completion, and plowing and planting have begun.

LEWISTOWN LMA

Bank debits for March have shown no increase over the period one year ago, and were down 4% during the period January through March over last year. Agricultural activities are beginning to show improvement as weather conditions have allowed farmers into their fields to begin spring work. Some call-backs to local brickyard and construction activities were noted. Construction work on a 60-bed addition to the state Center for the Aged in Lewistown should begin as soon as weather permits. Future plans for the Lewistown area may include the influx of 250 to 280 families when the minuteman missiles in central Montana are updated. The city of Lewistown will hire three men for a beautification program. The area's bank assets are up to $86 million.

MILES CITY LMA



Bank debits in Miles City for March have decreased 16% over March a year ago, but have shown a 5% increase in the 12-month total through March over the same period a year ago. Improvement in the weather conditions has allowed construction and farming activity to begin. The construction of Forsyth's new vocational-technical building is underway. Coal mining continues in Rosebud County, and a new dragline is expected to be in position to start mining a new area. Agriculture in the Miles City area has reported 30% of spring wheat seeded and 40% of the barley seeded.

MISSOULA LMA

Bank debits in Missoula have increased by 16% over last March and are 42% ahead of the 12-month total a year ago. About 150 to 200 employees will return to work with the reopening of a plywood manufacturing plant and logging division. Three other manufacturing firms in the wood products industry are also scheduled to resume production in May. Missoula residential building permits were up by 20 over a year ago. Commercial permits were also up from last year. The combined valuation increased over $1.1 million. Forty-four single-family residences are under construction with an average valuation of just under $30,000 per home. Spring break-up has been noted in the Hamilton area causing the shutdown of most lumber and hauling activities. Employment activity is noted in the service and retail industries as other workers are being recalled. The Forest Service has resumed calling back seasonal workers as the weather conditions have improved. Agricultural activities are up with the weather improvement, and field work and seeding are underway.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA

Bank debits in Cut Bank have shown an increase of 17% over last March and an 18% increase during the 12-month total through March over the same period a year ago. Soggy field conditions resulting from recent rains have prevented oil rigs from moving to new locations, but employment has remained steady. Agricultural activities are gearing up for ground preparation by getting machinery ready with some seeding underway. Existing Manpower Programs are expected to be re-funded under the various titles of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, including summer jobs for youth on the Reservation. Construction of a $430,000 jail complex is underway in Shelby. Building construction and housing projects in the Browning area are expected to provide jobs for an estimated 50 men. Employment is remaining stable in most all industries with some call for workers.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's economy is expected to pick up substantially from previous months if the weather allows the outside activities to resume. All industries should show improvement, but for the most part will remain below last year's activity especially in the wood products industry. Lay-offs will continue to plague the mining industry in the Butte-Anaconda Labor Market Area, but may be somewhat offset by the coal strip mining in the Miles City and Hardin-Red Lodge Labor Market Area.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

April 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	289	99	1,984
CETA-CEP	108	21	448
CETA-INST.	64	27	328
CETA-OJT	89	36	159
JOB CORPS	30	11	263

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	Apr. 1975	*Percent Change From:* Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974
All Items	158.6	0.5%	10.2%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

April 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	3.2%
Female	22.5%
Youth	11.8%
Over 45	24.1%

1/ *The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.*

2/ *Based on 10% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

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MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	*8.8*	*5.5*	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	*7.3*	*5.2*	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	*6.0*	*4.8*	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	*5.0*	*4.3*	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	*6.2*	*5.4*	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	*5.6*	*5.0*	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	*4.9*	*4.7*	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	*5.2*	*4.2*	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	*6.2*	*4.5*	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	*
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	*9.3*	*9.0*	*
February	317.3	285.6	256.3	29.3	31.7	*10.0*	*9.1*	*
March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	317.2	289.5	262.7	26.8	27.7	*8.7*	*8.6*	.1
May	*324.8*	*303.6*	*272.5*	*31.1*	*21.2*	*6.5*		-
June								
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* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[1]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#*		
						County	State	
1973								
January	30.1	27.3	26.4	0.9	2.8	*9.1*	*8.8*	*
February	30.2	27.6	26.6	1.0	2.6	*8.6*	*8.1*	*
March	30.8	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.4	*7.7*	*7.3*	*
April	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.0*	*
May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.0*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*6.2*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.6*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*4.8*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.9*	*
October	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*5.2*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.2*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.4*	*9.3*	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	*9.5*	*10.0*	*
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	*8.5*	*9.2*	.1
April	33.0	30.3	29.2	1.1	2.7	*8.2*	*8.7*	.1
May	*32.4*	*30.3*	*29.1*	*1.2*	*2.1*	*6.4*	*6.5*	-
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded numbers).* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	*6.6*	*8.8*	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	*5.5*	*8.1*	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	*4.9*	*7.3*	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	*4.6*	*6.0*	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	*4.7*	*5.0*	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*5.6*	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	*5.1*	*4.8*	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	*4.4*	*4.9*	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	*4.6*	*5.2*	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	*4.9*	*6.2*	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	*4.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	*7.9*	*9.3*	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.0*	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	45.9	42.5	41.3	1.2	3.4	*7.4*	*8.7*	*
May	*45.5*	*43.1*	*41.7*	*1.4*	*2.4*	5.2	*6.5*	-
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

APRIL 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	317.2	315.4	316.4	1.8	.8
2. Unemployment	27.7	29.0	21.4	-1.3	6.3
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*8.7*	*9.2*	*6.8*	*-.5*	*1.9*
3. Employment, Total	289.5	286.4	295.0	3.1	-5.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	232.8	230.4	231.2	2.4	1.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*234.9*	*232.4*	*230.1*	*2.5*	*4.8*
MANUFACTURING	*22.4*	*22.2*	*23.4*	*.2*	*-1.0*
Durable Goods	*14.6*	*14.4*	*15.3*	*.2*	*-.7*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.2*	*8.0*	*8.9*	*.2*	*-.7*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.3*	*3.3*	*-.1*	*-.1*
Other Durable Goods	*3.2*	*3.1*	*3.1*	*.1*	*.1*
Nondurable Goods	*7.8*	*7.8*	*8.1*	*0*	*-.3*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.7*	*0*	*-.3*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.0*	*1.0*	*1.1*	*0*	*-.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.4*	*0*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*212.5*	*210.2*	*206.7*	*2.3*	*5.8*
Mining	*7.4*	*7.3*	*7.1*	*.1*	*.3*
10 Metal Mining	*3.6*	*3.6*	*4.1*	*0*	*-.5*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.8*	*1.7*	*1.3*	*.1*	*.5*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.7*	*0*	*.3*

Contract Construction	9.7	9.3	13.6	.4	-3.9
15 General Building Contractors	4.4	4.3	5.2	.1	-.8
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	1.4	1.3	3.7	.1	-2.3
17 Special Trade Contractors	3.9	3.7	4.7	.2	-.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	18.4	19.0	.2	-.4
40 Railroad Transportation	6.2	6.1	6.3	.1	-.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.1	5.0	5.8	.1	-.7
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.3	7.3	6.9	0	.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	59.8	58.5	57.2	1.3	2.6
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.4	11.9	.1	.6
Retail Trade	47.3	46.1	45.3	1.2	2.0
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	7.8	7.8	7.5	0	.3
54 Food Stores	6.4	6.3	6.3	.1	.1
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.1	8.2	8.4	-.1	-.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.0	14.1	13.6	.9	1.4
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	10.0	9.7	9.5	.3	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.4	10.5	10.0	-.1	.4
Services	44.2	44.2	42.3	0	1.9
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.8	5.6	5.3	.2	.5
72 Personal Services	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	.2
80 Medical and other Health Services	13.8	13.9	13.4	-.1	.4
Other Services	21.8	21.9	21.0	-.1	.8
Government	62.4	62.0	57.5	.4	4.9
91 Federal Government	12.0	11.7	12.0	.3	0
State and Local Government	50.4	50.3	45.5	.1	4.9
92 State Government	17.8	18.1	16.9	-.3	.9
93 Local Government	32.6	32.2	28.6	.4	4.0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	29.9	29.8	29.8	.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	26.8	26.2	34.0	.6	-7.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	.1	.3	*	-.2	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

APRIL 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	33.0	32.5	32.3	.5	.7
2. Unemployment	2.7	2.8	2.0	-.1	.7
Percent of Labor Force#	*8.2*	*8.5*	*6.2*	*-.3*	*2.0*
3. Employment, Total	30.3	29.7	30.3	.6	0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	26.8	26.4	26.5	.4	.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*27.9*	*27.3*	*26.5*	*0.6*	*1.4*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
NONMANUFACTURING	*26.0*	*25.4*	*24.6*	*.6*	*1.4*
Contract Construction	*1.3*	*1.2*	*1.5*	*0.1*	*-0.2*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.6*	*2.5*	*2.4*	*0.1*	*0.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.2*	*8.0*	*7.7*	*0.2*	*0.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0.1*	*0.2*
Services and Mining	*5.8*	*5.7*	*5.4*	*0.1*	*0.4*
Government	*6.1*	*6.1*	*5.8*	*0*	*0.3*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.4	2.3	2.3	.1	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.1	1.0	1.5	.1	-.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.1	.1	*	0	.1

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

APRIL 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	45.9	45.3	45.1	.6	.8
2. Unemployment	3.4	3.6	2.2	-.2	1.2
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.4*	*7.9*	*4.9*	*-.5*	*2.5*
3. Employment, Total	42.5	41.7	42.9	.8	-.4
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	37.2	36.3	37.1	.9	.1
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*37.4*	*36.6*	*36.7*	*0.8*	*0.7*
MANUFACTURING	*2.8*	*2.8*	*3.4*	*0*	*-0.6*
NONMANUFACTURING	*34.6*	*33.8*	*33.3*	*.8*	*1.3*
Contract Construction	*1.8*	*1.7*	*2.3*	*0.1*	*-0.5*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.5*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*0.1*	*0.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.0*	*11.6*	*11.5*	*0.4*	*0.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*0.1*
Services and Mining	*8.3*	*8.3*	*7.7*	*0*	*0.6*
Government	*7.1*	*6.9*	*6.6*	*0.2*	*0.5*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.2	1.7	0	-.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	.1	0	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1975
STATEWIDE	317.3	315.4	317.2	285.6	286.5	289.5	31.7	29.0	27.7	*10.0*	*9.2*	*8.7*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.2	32.5	33.0	29.2	29.7	30.3	3.0	2.8	2.7	*9.5*	*8.5*	*8.2*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.2	45.2	45.9	41.6	41.7	42.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	*8.0*	*7.9*	*7.4*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	239.9	237.7	238.3	214.8	215.1	216.7	25.1	22.6	21.6	*10.4*	*9.5*	*9.1*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	34.1	34.1	33.7	30.6	30.6	30.7	3.5	3.5	3.0	*10.3*	*10.1*	*9.0*
BOZEMAN	23.6	23.3	23.4	21.2	21.2	21.3	2.4	2.1	2.1	*10.2*	*8.9*	*8.8*
GLASGOW	14.9	14.8	14.9	13.9	13.9	14.1	1.0	.9	.8	*6.6*	*6.0*	*5.4*
GLENDIVE	12.5	12.4	12.5	11.6	11.6	11.8	.9	.8	.7	*7.0*	*6.4*	*5.6*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.7	9.6	9.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	.9	.8	.8	*9.4*	*9.0*	*7.9*
HAVRE	11.7	11.6	11.7	10.9	10.9	11.0	.8	.7	.7	*7.3*	*6.3*	*6.1*
HELENA	21.5	21.2	21.2	19.6	19.6	19.7	1.9	1.6	1.5	*8.7*	*7.6*	*7.2*
KALISPELL	32.7	32.4	32.6	27.4	27.4	27.6	5.3	5.0	5.0	*16.1*	*15.4*	*15.4*
LEWISTOWN	10.2	10.2	10.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	.8	.7	.7	*7.4*	*6.8*	*6.6*
MILES CITY	12.6	12.6	12.6	11.7	11.8	11.9	.9	.8	.7	*6.8*	*6.3*	*5.7*
MISSOULA	40.3	39.5	39.6	34.7	34.8	34.9	5.6	4.7	4.7	*13.8*	*12.0*	*11.8*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.1	16.0	16.2	15.0	15.0	15.3	1.1	1.0	.9	*7.0*	*6.2*	*5.6*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29 See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

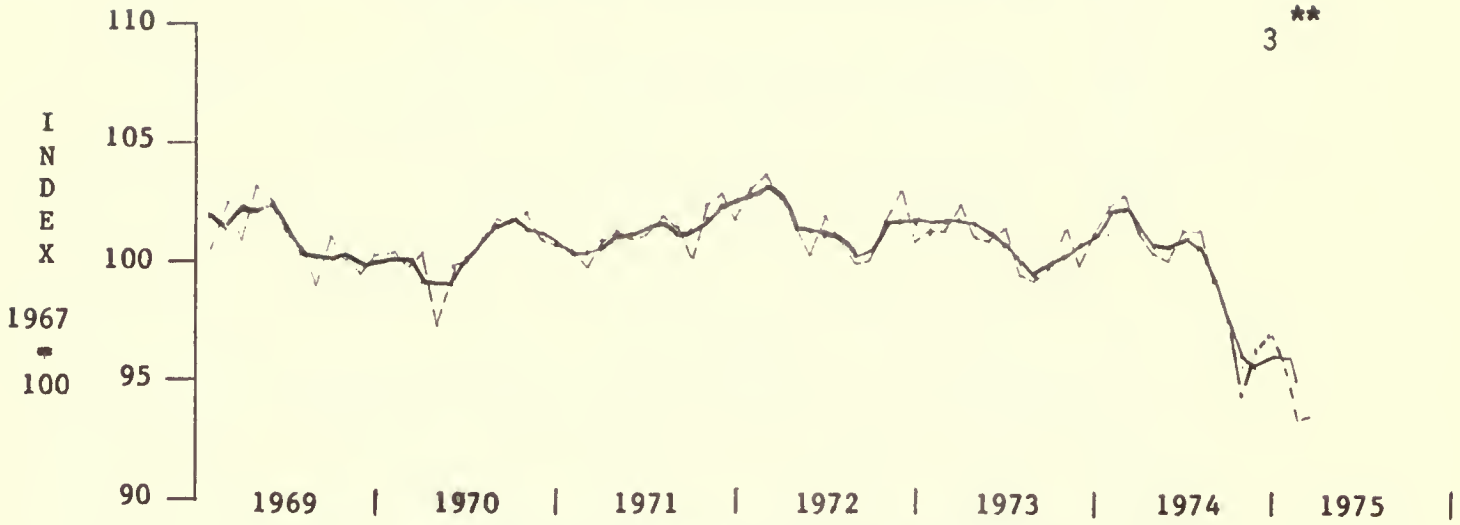
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	317.2	316.4	*0.3*	289.5	295.0	*-1.9*	27.7	21.4	6.3	*8.7*	*6.8*	*1.9*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.0	32.3	*2.2*	30.3	30.3	*0*	2.7	2.0	0.7	*8.2*	*6.2*	*2.0*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.9	45.1	*1.8*	42.5	42.9	*-0.9*	3.4	2.2	1.2	*7.4*	*4.9*	*2.5*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	238.3	239.0	*-0.3*	216.7	221.8	*-2.3*	21.6	17.2	4.4	*9.1*	*7.2*	*1.9*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.7	34.4	*-2.0*	30.7	32.3	*-5.0*	3.0	2.1	0.9	*9.0*	*6.1*	*2.9*
BOZEMAN	23.4	23.6	*-0.8*	21.3	22.3	*-4.5*	2.1	1.3	0.8	*8.8*	*5.6*	*2.6*
GLASGOW	14.9	15.3	*-2.6*	14.1	14.5	*-2.8*	.8	.8	0	*5.4*	*5.1*	*0.3*
GLENDIVE	12.5	12.7	*-1.6*	11.8	12.2	*-3.3*	.7	.5	0.2	*5.6*	*4.4*	*1.2*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.6	10.7	*-10.3*	8.8	9.9	*-11.1*	.8	.8	0	*7.9*	*7.5*	*0.4*
HAVRE	11.7	11.3	*3.5*	11.0	10.7	*2.8*	.7	.6	0.1	*6.1*	*5.0*	*0.9*
HELENA	21.2	21.4	*-0.9*	19.7	20.2	*-2.5*	1.5	1.2	0.3	*7.2*	*5.6*	*1.6*
KALISPELL	32.6	31.3	*4.2*	27.6	27.0	*2.2*	5.0	4.3	0.7	*15.4*	*13.7*	*1.7*
LEWISTOWN	10.3	10.2	*1.0*	9.6	9.6	*0*	.7	.6	0.1	*6.6*	*5.6*	*1.0*
MILES CITY	12.6	12.8	*-1.6*	11.9	12.3	*-3.3*	.7	.5	0.2	*5.7*	*3.9*	*1.8*
MISSOULA	39.6	39.6	*0*	34.9	36.3	*-3.9*	4.7	3.3	1.4	*11.8*	*8.4*	*3.4*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.2	15.7	*3.2*	15.3	14.5	*5.5*	.9	1.2	-0.3	*5.6*	*7.6*	*-2.0*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8
February	93.5
March	93.8p
April	
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MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

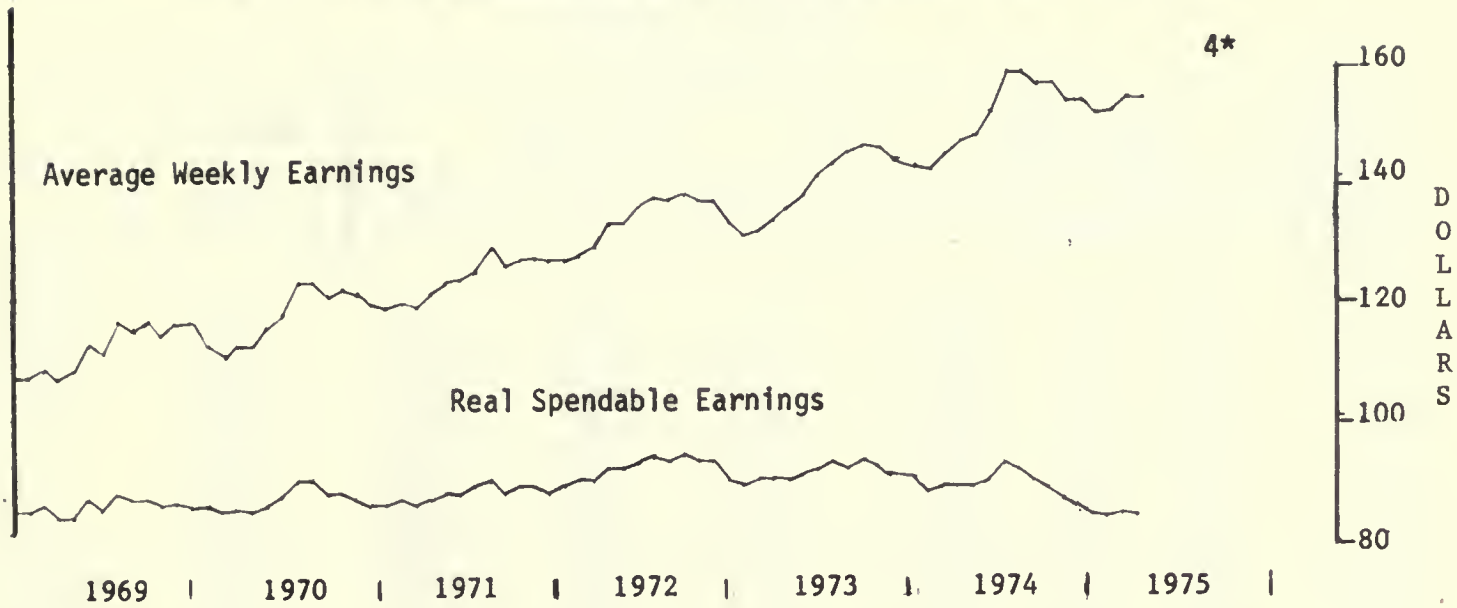
The composite index for March preliminary was up only slightly from the all time low of 93.5 for February. Average weekly hours and employee accessions were both down again this month. At the same time, manufacturing employment and building permits changed very little from the lows recorded last month. However, both indicators appear to have stabilized and could begin improving over the next few months. On the positive side, layoffs have decreased substantially, as did the number of average weekly initial claims. With unemployment claims decreasing and the agricultural work season approaching, Montana could see at least a temporary economic uplift.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$155.01	$155.09	$147.29
Taxes Withheld	23.21	23.21	21.15
Spendable Earnings	131.81	131.88	126.13
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	48.69	48.30	38.48
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	83.12	83.58	87.65

1974	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jan.	$143.47	$88.29
Feb.	142.96	86.96
Mar.	145.20	87.04
Apr.	147.29	87.65
May	148.47	87.31
Jun.	152.21	88.35
Jul.	159.90	91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	155.01p	83.12p
May		
Jun.		

After two consecutive months of increases, average weekly earnings declined in March to $155.01 from $155.09 in February. This slight decrease is mainly attributed to a marginal decline in average weekly hours. Real spendable earnings dropped to $83.12 after an increase to $83.54 in March. A return of the rising inflation rate can claim partial credit for this deceleration. Purchasing power for Montana workers in 1975 has been consistently below buying power for Montanans at anytime during 1974.

* *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*
1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.
2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent Montana	Percent U. S.	
1973								
January	303.1	283.5	250.4	33.1	19.6	6.5	5.0	.1
February	304.8	286.1	251.5	34.6	18.7	6.1	5.1	*
March	306.7	288.7	253.0	35.7	18.0	5.9	5.0	*
April	305.6	287.4	252.6	34.8	18.2	6.0	5.0	.2
May	307.0	288.2	252.7	35.5	18.8	6.1	5.0	.4
June	307.2	287.1	254.7	32.4	20.1	6.5	4.8	.5
July	309.1	289.7	252.4	37.3	19.4	6.3	4.7	*
August	315.4	296.2	253.4	42.8	19.2	6.1	4.8	.1
September	313.9	294.6	254.9	39.7	19.3	6.1	4.8	.1
October	313.3	293.7	256.3	37.4	19.6	6.3	4.5	.1
November	311.6	292.2	256.4	35.8	19.4	6.2	4.7	*
December	312.8	294.4	258.4	36.0	18.4	5.9	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	6.2	4.9	.1
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	*
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	7.0	8.2	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	8.1	8.2	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	7.9	8.7	.3
April	319.4	291.6	262.9	28.7	27.8	8.7	8.9	.1
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1973								
January	31.4	29.1	27.7	1.4	2.3	7.3	6.5	*
February	31.5	29.2	27.7	1.5	2.3	7.3	6.1	*
March	31.5	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.3	7.3	5.9	*
April	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	7.3	6.0	*
May	32.1	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.5	7.8	6.1	*
June	32.3	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.7	8.4	6.5	0
July	32.4	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.4	7.4	6.3	0
August	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.1	0
September	32.2	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.2	6.8	6.1	*
October	32.3	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.3	0
November	32.1	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.2	6.9	6.2	*
December	32.0	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.1	6.6	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	7.2	6.2	*
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	*
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	8.1	7.9	.1
April	33.1	30.2	29.2	1.0	2.9	8.8	8.7	.1
May								
June								
July								
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Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1973								
January	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	5.2	6.5	*
February	42.1	40.2	38.7	1.5	1.9	4.5	6.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.1	1.6	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	43.3	41.1	39.4	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.0	*
May	43.4	41.0	39.4	1.6	2.4	5.5	6.1	*
June	43.9	41.3	39.8	1.5	2.6	5.9	6.5	.3
July	43.9	41.4	39.8	1.6	2.5	5.7	6.3	*
August	44.8	42.3	40.1	2.2	2.5	5.6	6.1	*
September	44.1	41.9	40.1	1.8	2.2	5.0	6.1	*
October	44.1	41.7	40.0	1.7	2.4	5.4	6.3	*
November	44.3	42.0	40.4	1.6	2.3	5.2	6.2	*
December	44.3	42.5	40.8	1.7	1.8	4.1	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.2	*
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	0
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	0
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	0
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	0
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	6.7	7.0	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	7.1	8.1	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	7.9	.1
April	46.3	42.7	41.5	1.2	3.6	7.9	8.7	*
May								
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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

APRIL 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974	Apr. 1975	Mar. 1975	Apr. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$155.01	$155.09	$147.29	35.8	35.9	36.1	$4.33	$4.32	$4.08
MANUFACTURING	184.97	189.38	181.44	34.9	35.8	37.8	5.30	5.29	4.80
Durable Goods	179.39	183.91	177.38	34.3	35.3	37.5	5.23	5.21	4.73
Primary Metal Industries	231.45	230.22	198.14	39.7	39.9	38.7	5.83	5.77	5.12
Nondurable Goods	199.66	203.13	191.95	36.5	37.0	38.7	5.47	5.49	4.96
Food and Kindred Products	201.49	203.84	176.61	38.6	39.2	38.9	5.22	5.20	4.54
MINING	258.88	249.07	227.04	42.3	41.1	42.2	6.12	6.06	5.38
Metal Mining	256.40	242.41	222.56	40.0	38.6	40.1	6.41	6.28	5.55
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	258.04	267.05	237.28	35.3	35.0	35.1	7.31	7.63	6.76
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	252.87	252.15	240.51	43.3	43.4	41.9	5.84	5.81	5.74
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	203.70	202.15	182.83	39.4	39.1	38.9	5.17	5.17	4.70
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	121.45	120.74	116.11	35.1	35.1	35.4	3.46	3.44	3.28
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	117.39	118.45	107.51	36.8	36.9	36.2	3.19	3.21	2.97
SERVICES	103.68	104.32	90.86	32.5	32.6	32.8	3.19	3.20	2.77

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

MARCH 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES					
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1975	Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974
MANUFACTURING	2.6	2.0	3.6	1.7	0.9	2.5	3.4	3.5	4.0	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.5	4.0	1.1	1.0	3.1	2.7	3.6	2.8	1.2	0.9	1.5	0.9	2.1	0.7
Primary Metal Industries	0.4	0.4	4.5	0.2	0.1	2.3	1.6	3.5	2.2	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.6	2.6	*
Nondurable Goods	3.2	1.0	2.7	2.6	0.6	1.3	4.7	3.4	6.2	0.9	0.5	1.2	3.4	2.6	4.5
MINING	2.9	2.2	4.1	1.1	0.7	1.9	4.7	2.3	4.9	0.9	0.8	2.1	2.2	0.7	0.5
Metal Mining	1.2	1.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	7.1	2.0	5.3	0.4	0.4	1.9	4.4	0.3	*

* *Less than .05.*
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Series began January 1959.

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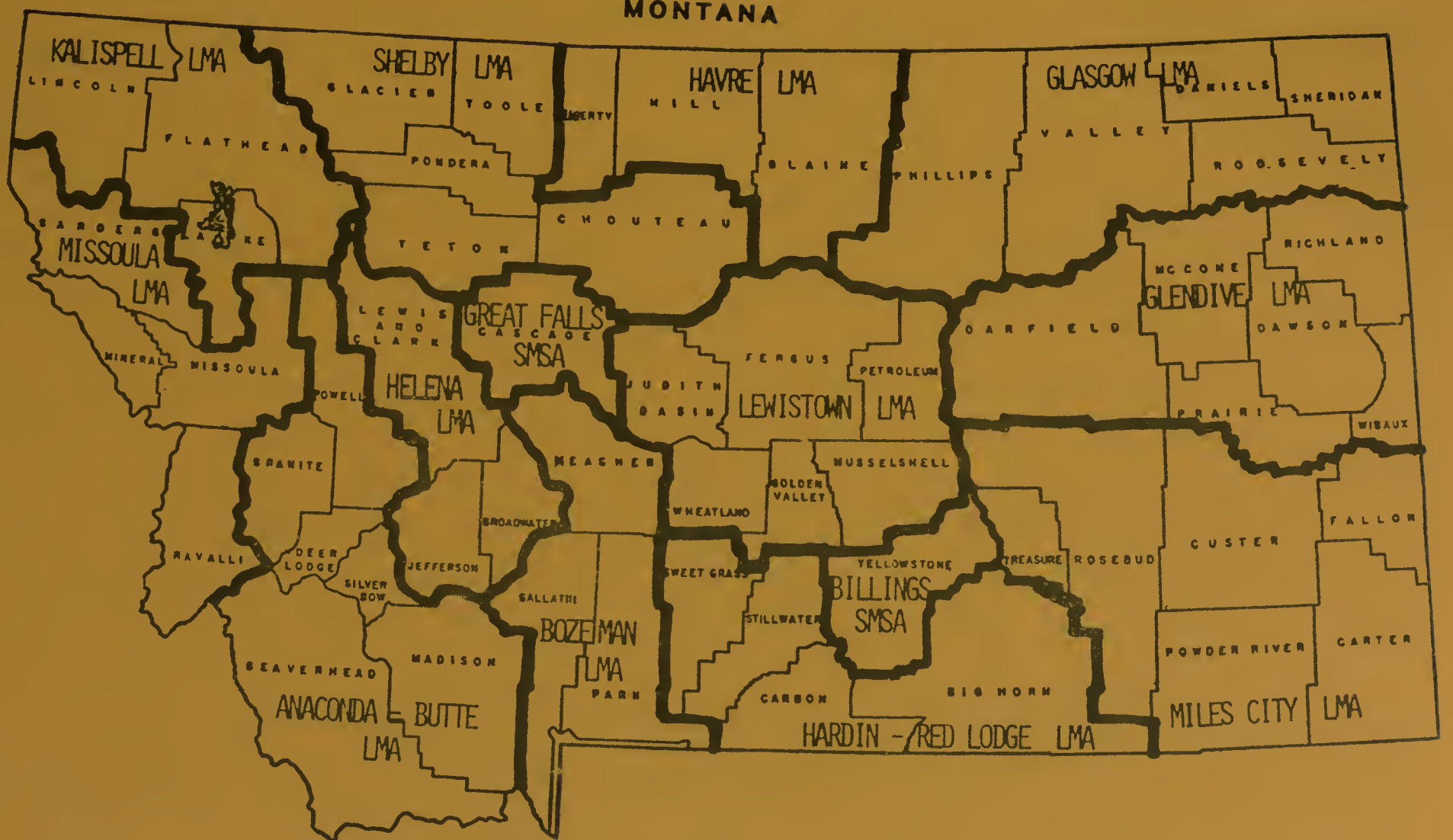

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